

REMARKS

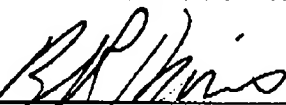
In the Office Action mailed October 21, 2004, the Examiner rejected claims 1-9 and 15-18. The Examiner objected to claims 10-14 and 19-24 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Applicants have amended independent claim 1 to include the elements of claim 10. Applicants have additionally amended independent claim 15 to include the elements of claim 19 and intervening claim 16. Claims 10, 16 and 19 have been canceled. Various other claims have been amended to change their dependencies.

Applicants submit that claims 1-9, 11-15, 17-18 and 20-24 are in condition for allowance, and request that the Examiner enter these amendments and issue a Notice of Allowability. If any questions or issues remain, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' attorney, Brian Harris, at his direct dial number (312) 913-3303.

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